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## Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Dov Bensimon

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018	Time: 6:08 – 6:54 p.m.
<b>Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:</b>		<b>Attendees GB Substitutes:</b>	<b>Attendees Parents/other:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Saunders</li> <li>• Audrey Lambert</li> <li>• Bill Mang</li> <li>• Carol Rabbat</li> <li>• Dov Bensimon</li> <li>• Garry Saunders</li> <li>• Katherine Wiebe</li> <li>• Marie-Flore Gignac</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miranda Tubbeh</li> <li>• Rachel Wilson</li> <li>• Sandra Fisher</li> <li>• Susan Larivière</li> <li>• Suzanne Larkin</li> <li>• Tassie Fyon</li> <li>• Tayba Huot</li> <li>• Wayne Clifford</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helene Kalaganis-MacTaggart</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
			<b>Absent:</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janine Von Bauer</li> <li>• Joseph Mantagaris</li> <li>• Karina Lavalée</li> <li>• Linda Harbert</li> <li>• Liz Lopez</li> <li>• Marc Lucke</li> <li>• Mark Christiano</li> <li>• Sue Bell</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of the Agenda</li> <li>2. Approval of the Last Minutes</li> <li>3. Public &amp; Member Question Period</li> <li>4. Business Arising</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. New Business</li> <li>6. Field Trips, Fundraisers &amp; Activities</li> <li>7. Reports / PYP Update</li> <li>8. Varia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Correspondence</li> <li>10. Date of next meeting</li> <li>11. Adjournment</li> </ol>

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

- Owing to the fact that some eleventh-hour information had just been received by the school affecting next year’s budget, as well as time constraints owing to the fact that the meeting was being held at Duke & Devine's in Beaconsfield, Katherine informed the meeting that some elements of the announced agenda would not be presented. The modified agenda was then approved without opposition following a motion by Carol and seconded by Sue.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, May 23, 2018

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved by all pending a correction to a minor typo, to be fixed by Dov. The motion was passed unanimously after being moved by Tayba and seconded by Suzanne.

### 3. Public questions

- None.

### 4. Business arising

- None.

## 5. New Business

- **School budgets:** Owing to the fact that some last-minute information was received by the school which affects next year's budget, the school budget will be presented to the GB at a special meeting on 20 June 2018. Tassie presented the daycare budget, in which she mentioned that there is a projected attendance of 205 students for 2018-2019. The budget was drafted based on these expected numbers. As a result of the increase of students, more staff will be needed and Tassie is likely to be able to have an assistant to help run the daycare. Revenues collected this year will help to purchase additional Chromebooks for the students. Tassie also mentioned that Dynamix will be at the school on 21 June 2018 for a fun day and a pizza lunch.
- **"Tell Them From Me" Survey:** Rachel reported that grades 4, 5 and 6 filled out this survey, which was meant to poll students' feelings about the school and its environment. The survey was completed confidentially. The children were also able to leave comments, in which many expressed likes and dislikes about the school. These included enjoying activities such as ukulele club, gym time and clubs. Some children feel targeted by others and feeling like some students were teacher's pets.

## 6. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- None were discussed during the meeting.

## 7. Reports (in order of presentation at the meeting):

- No reports were discussed at this meeting. The Commissioner's report as well as the Clearpoint Parent Representative to LBPSB Parents' Committee report are included as annexes to these minutes.

## 8. Varia

- Rachel informed the meeting that following a class-action lawsuit launched against some 60 school boards across the province of Quebec which were charging for supply fees, a ministerial directive was issued on 7 June 2018. A summary of the directive can be found [here](#) (in French only). The school boards now have to figure out how to implement this directive in practice and decide what can be charged for and what cannot, which will take some time. School fees charged to parents are expected to drop for the next school year. Field trips may be at risk of being cancelled, since trips during school hours that are for educational purposes cannot have costs charged to parents. However, trips with a cultural vocation may still be charged to parents. It is possible that Home & School could help to fund certain trips, but this is yet to be decided or worked out.

## 9. Correspondence

- Rachel informed the meeting that she received letters from the city of Pointe-Claire which indicate that street signs will be put up indicating that buses turning out of the school parking lot must turn right on Cedar avenue. Also, signs will be put up indicating that no stopping will be allowed on Cedar avenue between civic addresses 18-28 between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- Katherine offered a card and a bottle of wine to Rachel on behalf of the GB to thank her for her years of service to the school.



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10. Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

11. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Suzanne and seconded by Dov at 6:54 p.m. All were in favour and none opposed.

## Annex A – Report of the School Commissioner

### *Commissioner’s Report- Governing Board – June 2018*

#### *School Fees*

At a Special Meeting of Council held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Council adopted a resolution approving a confidential agreement entitled “Principaux éléments d’une entente de règlement relative aux frais chargés par les commissions scolaires défenderesses” further to the province-wide ***class action procedure concerning school fees***. It is anticipated that the details of any settlement will be released early in the 2018-2019 school year.

Moreover, the Ministry committed to issue in early June a Directive to all School Boards identifying what school fees can be charged to, or what school supplies can be requested from, parents for the 2018-2019 school year. As a result, the Director General requested the Governing Boards of all schools to schedule a ***meeting between June 13 and June 22*** in order to 1) approve lists of fees/supplies for the 2018-2019 school year or 2) review and approve revised lists of fees/supplies for the 2018-2019 school year to comply with the Directive.

#### *New Director of Educational Services*

Council was informed in early May that following an outstanding 20 year career with the LBPSB, ***Director Of Educational Services Steven Colpitts*** had accepted a new position as Sous-ministre adjoint for the Direction des services aux anglophones, aux Autochtones et à la diversité culturelle at the Ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement supérieur (MEES), effective May 28, 2018. Following an internal posting/selection procedure, Council was pleased to adopt a resolution at the May Council meeting appointing the current Assistant Director of Educational Services ***Marie Wahba*** as Director of Educational Services of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, effective immediately. Currently a posting process is underway to fill her previous position hopefully before the end of the school year.

### *New Legislation*

The Minister of Education, Sébastien Proulx, recently introduced two new bills in the National Assembly: Bill 185 is an act to ***defer the next school board elections from November 2018 to November 2020*** and to allow the Government to provide for the use of a remote voting method (eg. the Internet) – this bill became law on June 6<sup>th</sup> with its passage by the National Assembly. Bill 183 is an act to strengthen the role of the ***Student Ombudsman*** to improve the handling of complaints filed by a student or his/her parents with regard to the services a school board provides to them and will need to be adopted prior to the end of the current session of the National Assembly this month or will not become law due to the Quebec provincial elections in October.

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### *Highlights of the May 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Commissioners*

***Sheila Dunwoodie***, a teacher at Margaret Manson Elementary, was warmly congratulated by Council on the occasion of her being awarded the ***Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM***.

As new amendments to the Education Act now require the School Board to convert its Strategic Plan into a Commitment-to-Success Plan (C-to-S Plan) by June 1, 2018, after a short consultation Council adopted the Lester B. Pearson School Board ***Commitment-to-Success Plan 2018-2022***. The good news is that minimal change was required to convert our current Strategic Plan to the C-to-S Plan and that it should not be overly time-consuming for schools to modify their School Success Plans to bring them into compliance with the C-to-S framework.

Following consultation with the Parents' Committee and the Pearson Teachers Union, the ***2019-2020 Youth Sector Calendar*** was adopted.

Chair Noel Burke announced that a ***survey on High School Programs*** would be circulated in June to parents, teachers and students with a view to improving the effectiveness of future planning.

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Much more info on what's happening all around the board can always be found on the Pearson News blog <http://pearsonnews.lbpsb.qc.ca/> and on the LBPSB Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

***Best wishes to everyone for a healthy and relaxing summer!***

Respectfully submitted,  
*Wayne Clifford*  
*Commissioner for Ward 12*

## Annex B – Report of the Clearpoint Parent Representative to LBPSB Parents’ Committee

LBPSB Parents’ Committee  
May & June 2018

### SUMMARY

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#### School Board Elections

Bill 185 went into effect June 7, 2018, deferring the school board elections to Nov. 1, 2020. Read more here: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-school-board-elections-2020-1.4696299>

#### Deep Learning: a presentation by Thomas Rhymes

- Deep learning is a new long-term research-based pedagogical framework for LBPSB students.
- Deep learners develop the 6 C’s: Creativity, Communication, Citizenship, Critical Thinking, Character, and Collaboration
- Focuses on building student engagement throughout their academic life. Engagement is a key part of the LBPSB strategic plan
- Aims to educate students for the future, not just an exam, while still supporting the QEP
- It is a slow process and a transformation. In 2017, seven schools had begun piloting this framework. By Spring 2018, all Elementary Schools will embrace this philosophy. By Fall 2018, all Secondary, Adult and Vocational Centers will be using this framework.
- The presentation can be found here: <http://parents.lbpsb.qc.ca/News-Info/ArticleID/2855/Deep-Learning>

#### Student Success Ad hoc Subcommittee

The PC passed motions to recommend the following improvements to help achieve the Board’s objectives:

- Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) in High School
- Software coding as part of the elementary school curriculum
- Study, organizational, and time management skills taught in late elementary school and early high school



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## School Fees Class Action Lawsuit

Tom Rhymes shared information regarding the class action lawsuit. The Lester B. Pearson School Board council of commissioners has signed a resolution supporting the proposed settlement of a class-action lawsuit concerning school fees. Terms of the proposed agreement were leaked to La Presse and published May 10. It was reported that a proposed \$153 million settlement would be paid out to 925,000 students. Each student would receive around \$165.

There is also an implication that schools will no longer be allowed to charge parents for pedagogical field trips. Read more in the Gazette here: <http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/west-island-gazette/lbpsb-commissioners-support-proposed-lawsuit-settlement>

And in La Presse here: <http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/education/201805/10/01-5181278-frais-les-commissions-scolaires-vont-rembourser-153-millions-aux-parents.php>

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 27, 2018**

The next official meeting will be the Parents' Committee's Annual General Assembly (AGA). We request the attendance of all newly elected Parent Representatives and Alternates.